

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 2, and 4 to read, as follows.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A developing apparatus comprising:  
  
a developer bearing member for bearing developer;  
  
a spacer provided on a surface at an end portion of said developer bearing member ~~in along~~ a longitudinal direction of said developer bearing member, ~~direction~~, for maintaining a constant gap between said developer bearing member and an image bearing member for supplying developer from said developer bearing member;  
  
a seal member for regulating leakage of developer toward the end portion of said developer bearing member along the longitudinal direction; and  
  
a developer scraping member provided at a portion overlapping with said seal member ~~in along~~ the longitudinal direction of said developer bearing member, contacting said developer bearing member, wherein said developer scraping member contacts a surface of said spacer.
2. **(Currently Amended)** A developing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said developer scraping member contacts a whole abutment area of said spacer to said image bearing member ~~in along~~ the longitudinal direction.
3. **(Original)** A developing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said spacer is provided nearer the longitudinal end portion than said seal member.

4. **(Currently Amended)** A developing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said seal member serves to regulate a movement of the developer magnetically and is provided in a non-contact relationship to a surface of said developer bearing member in ~~along~~ a circumferential direction of said developer bearing member.

5. **(Original)** A developing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a notch is provided between a contact portion of said developer scraping member to said developer bearing member and a contact portion of said developer scraping member to said spacer.

6. **(Original)** A developing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said contact portion of said developer scraping member to said developer bearing member is cut obliquely with respect to the longitudinal direction, and said contact portion to said spacer is cut in parallel with the longitudinal direction.

7. **(Original)** A developing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said spacer is rotatably attached with respect to said developer bearing member.

8. **(Original)** A developing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said developing apparatus is mounted to a cartridge detachable to an image forming apparatus.